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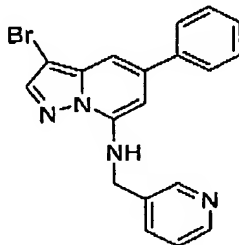
here) encompassing the scope of all the processes, uses, composition and compounds, it is inappropriate to restrict the invention into these various inventions. Applicants also believe that due to such commonality, a complete examination of claims 1-28 as filed would not cause undue burden. Applicants further believe that the same art search will most probably apply to the alleged separate inventions, and respectfully submit that the restriction is improper.

Under the statute "two or more independent and distinct inventions... in one application may... be restricted to one of the inventions." Inventions are "independent" if "there is no disclosed relationship between two or more subjects disclosed" (MPEP 802.01). The term "distinct" means that "two or more subjects as disclosed are related.... but are capable of separate manufacture, use or sale as claimed, and are patentable over each other" (MPEP 802.01). However, even when patentably distinct inventions, restriction is not required unless one of the following reasons appear (MPEP 808.02):

1. Separate classification
2. Separate status in the art; or
3. Different field of search.

In the present application, Applicant believes that the Examiner has not established a clear reason to establish the existence of any of the above 3 groups. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are, therefore, respectfully requested.

However, in the interest of advancing the prosecution, Applicants elect, with traverse, the invention cited as Group II for prosecution on the merits, and elect the following species:



again with traverse. This compound is shown in Table 1 on page 11 of the specification, as well as in Claim 15.

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If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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